

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM 1

1. (Amended) A method of providing access to a communications network to a user supporting a mobile unit capable of wireless communication with at least one access node of a local area network that is capable of connecting to the communications network, comprising the steps of:

- a) initially establishing wireless communication between the mobile unit and said at least one access node by associating the mobile unit with said at least one access node;
- b) authenticating the user of the mobile unit at a server on the local area network to enable access to the communications network using a network address; and
- c) establishing communication with a destination on the communications network, and recording at least some session particulars of a communications session [on a] in a centralized server by the network address on the communications network during which the mobile unit communicates with the destination.